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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, CH

SUBJ: POSSIBLE MAO INVOLVEMENT IN PARTY CONGRESS PREPARATORY MEETING

1. AT 8:45P.M. ON AUGUST 11 VISITING FSO CHARLES HILL NOTED MERCEDES 600 PULLING UP TO NORTH ENTRANCE OF GREAT HALL. ROLLING TO STOP, MORE THAN 40 ARMED PLA RUSHED TOWARD CAR AND FORMED TIGHT CIRCLE AROUND IT. CONTRARY TO MORE RELAXED NORMAL PRACTICE, POLICE HUSTLED TRAFFIC QUICKLY BY AND HILL COULD GET NO FURTHER VIEW FROM HIS BICYCLE VANTAGE POINT.

2. COMMENT: SPECIAL CAR AND TREATMENT SUGGEST CHAIRMAN MAO MAKING PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT PREPARATORY MEETING FOR PARTY CONGRESS. CHOU EN-LAI RIDES A RED FLAG. MRS. MAO IS ONLY CHINESE OFFICIAL WE AWARE USES MERCEDES 600 (SHE SHOWED UP AT BASKETBALL GAME IN ONE) AND HER ARRIVALS NOT NORMALLY ACCOMPANIED BY SUCH OBVIOUS AND EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY MEASURES.

3. ON OTHER NIGHTS THIS WEEK, MEETINGS IN NORTHWEST CORNER OF GREAT HALL HAVE CONTINUED ALONG SAME PATTERN

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REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, WITH BETWEEN TEN AND FIFTEEN RED FLAG

LIMOUSINES PARKED OUTSIDE AND LIGHTS BURING LATE.
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